District Attorney Asks Date for Trial of Shaw

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Motion for Conference Filed in Court

The trial of Clay L. Shaw, accused of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy, will probably be held in September, an assistant to District Attorney Jim Garrison said after filing a motion for an early trial in criminal district court Wednesday.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock said the motion, which requests a date-setting conference between the state, the defense and the court, was filed "so we can get this thing out of the TV studios and into the courtroom where it belongs."

The state will ask for a date in September, said Alcock, who signed the motion with Assistant District Attorney Richard V. Burnes. He noted that a number of defense motions still pending in the court of Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. will probably be disposed of later this month.

The motion outlines examples of what it said were attempts by various national and local news media to destroy the state's case, and concluded that their conduct was "either designed, calculated, or likely to have a prejudicial effect upon the minds of prospective jurors."

NBC SHOW CITED

One example was a show by the National Broadcasting Co., which, the motion said, was "directed solely at wrecking the distdict attorney's investigation and his case against Clay L. Shaw."

In Dallas, a former anti-Castro leader in New Orleans was released from Garrison-initiated extradition proceedings.

Sergia Arcacha Smith was charged with conspiracy to commit simple burglary of a munitions bunker along with fugitive witness Gordon Novel, who was recently released in Ohio on extradition proceedings based partially on the same charge.

WARRANT UNSIGNED

Arcacha Smith was released in court action after Texas Gov. John Connally refused to sign an executive warrant of extra-

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dition within the specific 90 days.

Garrison's motion also charged Aaron M. Kohn, executive director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans with "acting in active concert" with NBC.

Kohn and MCC president E. C. Upton Jr. have called upon the state to investigate questions raised by the NBC program and other charges made against Garrison's investigation.

Kohn was included in the category of what the motion termed "false charges and statements designed to wreck this case."

Also included was the head of the justice department:

"The United States Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, falsely stated to the national public within days of the arrest of Clay Shaw that Clay Shaw was investigated by the FBI and that he had been cleared. This false statement has been subsequently retracted by the Justice Department along with its identification of Clay Shaw as Clay Bertrand."

One of Garrison's assistants said the New York Times once quoted a "source" in the justice department as saying that Shaw used the alias of "Clay Bertrand."

Baton Rouge insuranceman Perry Raymond Russo testified that Shaw, using the name "Clem Bertrand," discussed killing the president with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie in Ferrie's apartment in the fall of 1963.

The motion also repeated a Garrison charge that employes of NBC and WDSU-TV, the local NBC affiliate, offered inducements to Russo to change his testimony.